

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: R.A. Franco et al.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Initially, applicants wish to thank Examiner Lee for the courtesy shown during a brief telephone conversation on January 15, 2008, during which the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed January 8, 2008 ("Notice"), was discussed. As pointed out to Examiner Lee, contrary to the statement made in the Notice that no mark-up of changes to amended Claim 1 was provided, Claim 1 was in fact amended. Specifically, the letter "a" was added to the first line of Claim 1 in the Amendment After Final filed on December 17, 2007. Since Claim 1 was amended, the notation that the claim was "currently amended" is correct. Consequently, applicants submit that the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment is in error and request that it be withdrawn.

If the Examiner has any further questions, she is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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